

Transportation and Air Quality

Measure 36 – Government Green Fleet Policy

10 Points

Adopt a green fleet policy that includes purchasing the most fuel efficient and least polluting vehicle that will meet the needs for use of the vehicle (appropriate size and type) and gives preference to the purchase of alternative fuel and/or hybrid fleet vehicles for fleet vehicle replacement.

Discussion:

The Cobb County Government recognizes the need to minimize dependency on petroleum based vehicular fuel use and the related degradation of air quality due to this use. One method to accomplish this is through ensuring the county's vehicle fleet is "right sized" and to select and operate alternative fuel vehicles whenever possible.

Accordingly, the Board of Commissioners adopted a new Green Vehicles Purchasing Policy within the new Cobb County Sustainable Practices Policy on February 24, 2009.

The intent of the policy is to establish a Green Fleet through a process of consideration of all aspects of fleet operations that will contribute to: (1) use of cleaner technology with reduced emissions; (2) reduced dependency on any particular energy source; (3) redundant types and sources of fuel; (4) lower or contained fuel costs; (5) improved fuel efficiency; and, (6) the Cobb County fleet serving as an example to others in the public and private sectors.

Policy implementation will be on-going through an interdepartmental Green Fleet task force appointed by the County Manager and facilitated by the purchasing Director,

Documentation:

The following documentation is enclosed with this application. Both the referenced documents below are included under Measure 1 – LEED Construction.

- The Cobb County Sustainability Practices Policy that includes the new Green Fleet Policy. See Item IV-B.
- The Board of Commissioners agenda item of February 24, 2009 adopting the Policy.